GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4196
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PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive action plan for developing telecommunication network in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the targets set for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen, expand and upgrade communication network in the country

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise targets set for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan are enclosed at Annexure.

(c) New technologies like Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and C-DoT digital point to multi point system (TDMA-PMP) are being inducted to strengthen, expand and upgrade communication network in the rural areas of the country.

TARGET FOR 9TH FIVE YEAR PLAN AND CURRENT YEAR

Sl.No.	CIRCLE/STATE	TOTAL VILLAGES WITH VPTs AS ON 1.4.97	VILLAGE TARGET FOR 9TH PLAN FOR 01-02 FIXED SERVICE PROVIDER	TARGET FOR BSNL TARGET FOR PRIVATE	
1	Andeman &Nicobar	282	111	171	0 0
2	Andhra Pradesh	29460	21272	8183	0 6077
3	Assam	22224	7864	14360	7707 0
4	Bihar	79208	15589	63619	52009 0
5	Gujrat	18125	13923	4202	0 4202
6	Haryana	6850	6510	340	0 0
7	Himachal Pradesh	16997	5075	11922	2631 0
8	Jammu & Kashmir	6764	2053	4711	2742 0
9	Karnataka	27066	17481	9585	10 0
10	Kerala	1530	1530	0	0 0
11	Madhyapradesh	71526	35367	36159	4333 19168
12	Maharastra	42467	26450	16017	0 10926
13	North-East-I	14446	3136	11310	9801 0
14	Orissa	46989	16173	30816	22024 0
15	Punjab	12687	12007	680	0 0
16	Rajasthan	38634	17325	21309	0 14809
17	Tamilnadu	17991	17038	953	0 0
18	Uttar Pradesh(East)	75698	23394	52304	14563 0
19	Uttar Pradesh(West)	39551	13957	25594	12853 0
20	West Bengal	38337	10985	27352	14535 0
21	Kolkata	468	421	47	47 0
22	Delhi	191	191	0	0 0
	Total :	607491	267832	339659	143255 55182

Financial Target

Year	Allocation
1997-98	282. Crore
1998-99	202.71 Cr.
1999-2000	245.72 Cr.
2000-01	634. Cr.
2001-02	1290. Cr.